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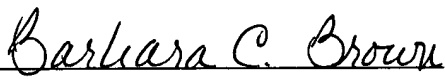
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Non-Final Office Action mailed February 27, 2006, Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

Amendment of the Specification begins on page 2.

Amendment of the Claims begins on page 3.

Remarks begin on page 6.